

Delta police nab 14 robbery suspects, kill 3

THE Police in Delta have arrested 14 armed robbery suspects, including a fake soldier.

The police command said it also killed three armed robbery suspects in separate gun battles.

Briefing newsmen in Asaba, the Police Commissioner, Mr Hezekiah Dimka, said the suspects were involved in various armed robbery cases across the state. Dimka said that the fake soldier, claimed to be serving at the 20th Battalion of Nigerian Army, at Serti-Baruwa in Taraba.

The fake soldier and three others now at large, were said to have been involved in a robbery incident at Fari Milk Company Asaba, where N515,000 was carted away.

He was arrested at the bank

of the River Niger, where his colleagues abandoned him and jumped into the river as the police closed in on them. Ten AK 47 and one G3 rifles two locally made guns with 856 rounds of ammunition, an 18-seater Nissan bus and a V-boot Mercedes Benz car were recovered from the suspects. Eight of the AK 47 rifles were recovered at a police check point along Patani-Ughelli road in a BMW car occupied by one Emomofimi Bossuo from Bayelsa. Bossuo was said to have tried to knock down a policeman, while escaping after he had been flagged down, leading to a shoot-out that resulted in the death of a second suspect in the car. Also recovered were over N273,000 cash, some mobile telephones, pictures and some documents.

...Intercept ammunition from dealers

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POLICE in Delta State have intercepted large cache of ammunitions from arms dealers in Bayelsa State allegedly meant for the militants terrorizing multi-national oil companies in the Niger Delta region.

Also, the command recovered various grades of dangerous assault rifles from some die-hard criminals which they used in their operation.

Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Hezekiah Dimka stated Tuesday while parading over 14 armed robbery suspects with the dangerous weapons during a press conference held at the command headquarters in Asaba, the state capital.

Mr Dimka said mobile policemen on stop and search attached to the state had on the April 25, at Umeh junction along the Ughelli-Patani road at about 3.40am intercepted a BMW car with registration number AG 293 ABH with two occupants who had wanted to knock down the officers as they attempted to flag the car down for a routine search.

While the occupants wanted to escape, police opened fire which ripped open one of the car tyres forcing the vehicle to stop.

One of the suspects, Mr Emomotimi Bossuo from Bayelsa State was promptly nabbed while another who sustained serious gun shot wounds died on the spot.

However, during a search 444 of live AK47 ammunitions and 420 rounds of LAR ammunitions, eight empty magazines of AK47 rifle were neatly hidden on the roof of the vehicle and inside the car engine and the booth.

Also recovered from the car was the sum of N127,000, two handsets, some pictures and undisclosed documents.

In addition, Dimka stated that three military rifles comprising one G3 rifle with number GT5279, two Ak 47 rifles with model 1968 number 4352 and model 1069 number 543314 and 25 rounds of ammunition were recovered from them respectively.